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SUBJ: PROPOSED IMPORTATION OF PORK

REF: HONG KONG 9505

1.U.S. ANIMAL QUARANTINE LAWS PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN MEATS OF RUMINANT ANIMALS OR SWINE FROM COUNTRIES INFECTED WITH RINDERPEST OR FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE. PRC AND HONG KONG BOTH CLASSIFIED AS INFECTED.

2. IN REPLY SPECIFIC QUESTION POSED IN PARA. 5, APPLICABLE LAWS MAKE NO PROVISION FOR SUCH QUARANTINE PERIOD.

3. PROCESSED PORK PRODUCTS FROM HK COULD QUALIFY FOR US IMPORTATION ONLY AFTER MEAT INSPECTION SYSTEM OF HK HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED BY USDA AS EQUIVALENT TO US SYSTEM. US RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN INSPECTION SYSTEMS INVOLVES A THOROUGH REVIEW OF FOREIGN LAWS, AND REGULATIONS, AND OBSERVATION OF THE SYSTEM IN OPERATION. EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THIS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BE A TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS, SOMETIMES TAKING ONE TO SEVERAL

YEARS. USDA INITIATES INVESTIGATIONS LEADING TO RECOGNITION ONLY AFTER RECEIPT OF FORMAL REQUESTS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS. AFTER RECOGNITION HAS BEEN ACCORDED, ELIGIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL PLANTS IS JOINTLY DETERMINED BY FOREIGN INSPECTION OFFICIALS AND USDA.

4. ADDITIONALLY, PRODUCT WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH VETERINARY SERVICES REGULATIONS. PRC AND HONG KONG ALSO CLASSIFIED AS INFECTED WITH SWINE DISEASES, HOG CHOLERA AND SWINE VESICULAR DISEASE. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, ONLY CANNED MEAT PROCESSED PORK PRODUCTS COULD QUALIFY. RUSH UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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